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In the Claims

Cancel claims 1-33.

Add new claims 34-73:

34. A method for enhancing the detection of a polynucleotide separated by reversed phase ion pairing chromatography, said method comprising:
  - a) covalently attaching a chemical tag to said polynucleotide to form a tagged polynucleotide,
  - b) applying said tagged polynucleotide to a separation medium having a non-polar surface, wherein said medium is substantially free of multivalent cations capable of interfering with polynucleotide separation,
  - c) eluting said tagged polynucleotide from said surface with a mobile phase containing a counterion agent and an organic solvent, and
  - d) detecting said tagged polynucleotide.